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Prosecutor Curry recognizes outstanding law enforcement officers for their efforts to reduce traffic crashes

Indianapolis --- The Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership's Chairman, Prosecutor Terry Curry, recognized a number of local law enforcement officers last week for their outstanding work as a part of the Partnership's overtime enforcement projects. These projects consisted of one full year of DUI roving enforcement (Operation Pull-Over DUI and DUI Taskforce Indiana), Safe Driver (school zone, interstate and high crash intersection enforcement), Fatal Crash Reduction (high crash intersection enforcement), Operation Pull-Over Belts and Big City County Belts/Aggressive Driving.

During 2010, police officers logged more than 14,000 overtime hours to deter high-risk drivers. The efforts of officers from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Speedway Police Department, Butler University Police Department, Lawrence Police Department, Cumberland Police Department and Indiana State Police resulted in the following:

863	DUI Arrests
2,357	Misdemeanor Arrests
147	Felony Arrests
46,021	Uniform Traffic Tickets issued

"The primary goal of these enforcement initiatives is to alleviate the tragic and costly consequences associated with approximately 26,000 crashes in Marion County each year," said Prosecutor Curry at an awards ceremony honoring the officers. "The officers we honor today recognize the importance of traffic safety in our community and have gone beyond the call of duty to deliver exceptional and consistent traffic enforcement."

The officers recognized for outstanding law enforcement services during over-time enforcement patrols are:

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Kevin Stickford

John Haggard

Steve Turner

Matt Plummer

Andrew Hannaford

Pamela Lee

Jim Goddard

Craig Blanton

Brandon Laser

Eric Simmons

Matthew Hamner

Lawrence Police Department

Larry Jones

Brian Sharp

*Stan Stephens
Michael McKenna*

*Jay Kramer
Ray Anderson*

Cumberland Police Department

Ron Cole

Speedway Police Department

*Christopher Helmer
Mark Morgan*

*Sam Alexander
Michael Clupper*

Indiana State Police District #52

Chris Kath

Jeffrey Payne

In addition to the Partnership's efforts to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths and injuries through increased enforcement, more criminals are being taken off the streets. Traffic patrols are an effective tool for reducing crime in a community. In the last year, 147 felony arrests and 2,357 other misdemeanor arrests resulted from these overtime activities.

The Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership studies traffic problems, conducts public information and education programming, and coordinates overtime enforcement hours with one goal in mind: to reduce traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries by promoting responsible driving. The Partnership is funded through federal, state, and local organizations. Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry serves as the chairman.